

**Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Llandybie Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 16th, April, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors	Mrs A.J. Evans	Cllr G. J Davies	
	J.W. Tandy	C. R. Thomas	Cllr G. J Davies

**Attending online;** A. Thomas

**Apologies:** P. H. Roberts,

**Absent;** Cllr L. Wilkins, D. Thomas, S. Roberts and H. Davies

**686.**

**To receive apologies of Absence;**

P H Roberts had notified the Clerk they were unable to attend.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**687.**

**Clerks Update on the Banc Y Draenen Project.**

The Clerk offered the following update;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been completed and the Clerk was costing up a gate to allow access from Waterloo Road.
- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and there is an area where there was not enough top soil to cover the crushed concrete foundation, the Clerk confirmed he had a meeting with Matthew Collinson from the County to remedy this with soils and material from the site.
- He had also met with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes and is expecting a formal plan of annual works within the next week.
- The nature reserve area works had now been costed by the consultants pending a 106 grant of monies. The cost was circa £5,000 with a cost of £1,000 annually over 25 years to be deposited with Carmarthenshire County

Council to be released yearly to cover the cost of the upkeep of the area in terms of cutting and mowing. The Clerk explained that he had questioned the initial cost and asked that an updated proposal be submitted taking into account inflation over the 25 year period. He was expecting this revised proposal in the coming week.

It was **agreed** to offer the above points as an update to the Ordinary Meeting at the end of April 2025 and the Clerk to update that meeting as to any progress.

**688.**

**Cwmgwili Community Garden Project and wider Community Hall Project.**

The Clerk explained that he had engaged with Cwmgwili Community and the project to demolish the current community hall and put an alternative green energy building scheme and parking on site was targeted for an application submission in September 2025. The Clerk explained he would keep councillors up to date on the position, however, there is no actual asset ownership on site belonging to Llandybie Community Council.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk update future meetings as a matter of interest on a project in the local area and offer trees towards planting on the site.

**689.**

**Offer of Beehives from local Beekeepers.**

The Clerk informed members that the offer was now off the table as the Beekeeper had decided to scale back his beekeeping activities.

**690.**

**Discussion of Green Heating Solution for Llandybie Pavilion.**

The Clerk updated councillors that the heating system at Llandybie Pavilion Project was awaiting grant approval from the Betws Wind Farm Fund and that committee was meeting in late May 2025.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk update future meetings as to progress on the project.

**691.**

**Discussion on the Dog Fouling initiative.**

The Clerk offered the following updates;

- Public relations pictures had been taken at meeting in Penygroes and Llandybie between the Clerk, County Councillors, the Carmarthenshire Health Enforcement Officer and the PCSO's. These had now appeared in the South Wales Guardian and had been shared on Social Media.
- The Clerk had gained permission to put the mobile CCTV units on 3 sites of private land and was in the process of creating suitable signage to go on the fence enclosures around the units.
- The Clerk also explained that the CCTV system at Saron was in the process of a final costing of Circa £3,000 instead on the budgeted £5,000 and would be installed in the next 6 weeks.
- The Clerk has met the school children of Llandybie School and talked about litter and dog fouling and has set them a competition to design a poster for litter and one for dog fouling that will eventually be displayed at Bonllwyn, Llandybie and Derwydd Parks with a cash prize offered to the school and a suitable prize for the winning design, this will be rolled out as an opportunity to Saron, Blaenau and Penygroes Schools after Easter break.
- The Clerk is now compiling a spreadsheet of 'hot spots' which will be monitored and he will be joining Health Enforcement Officer monthly along with PCSO's to patrol areas.
- The Clerk is also looking into the opportunity to place more dog bins and the cost associated with it plus a service licenced to empty the bins.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk update the Ordinary Meeting at the end of April 2025 on progress.

**692.**

**Discussion on solar on toilets and motion sensor lighting.**

The Clerk explained that he was in the process of costing solar panel and light sensors for toilets and some dark areas at night in our parks for security and energy saving measures and was meeting an electrical contractor in the coming week.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk update the Ordinary Meeting at the end of April 2025 on progress.

**693.**

**Adoption of SMART Meters.**

The Clerk explained that our offices and chamber would were now being measured by a SMART Electricity Meter but the initial experience had been very time consuming and inaccurate in terms of billing, and advised he updated councillors in the coming months on progress before committing Community Council Assets to being SMART Metered.

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**694.**

**Earth Day 2025 Tree Planting.**

The Clerk explained that he had via the Chair's intervention met with Morgan Marine's Managing Director Rhydian Jones and planted five Hazel Trees in recognition of Earth Day at Llandybie Park and that sixty trees in total to mark Morgan Marine's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were available for planting and he would be producing a spreadsheet of locations to be agreed by the company with planting to take place after September 2025 and the winter months.

A press release had now gone out to Wales Online and local press with pictures of Chair Cllr Davis Hopkins and Rhydian Jones of Morgan Marine.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk update the next Environment Meeting on progress.

**Date of next meeting.**

The Clerks recommendation that the he call the next meeting when sufficient progress on projects had been made.

**695.**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.